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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NDPC REQUEST FOR ROKG BRIEFING

REF: A) STATE 126110, B) STATE 82455, C) STATE 128614

1. THE NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY COMMITTEE (NDPC) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR A ROK OFFICER TO PRESENT TO THEM THE BRIEFING WHICH THEIR SECURITY TEAM (SST) RECEIVED AT ROK DEFENSE SECURITY COMMAND (DSC) DURING SECURITY SURVEY OF KOREA JULY 17-21 (REFS B AND C).

2. THE BRIEFING IN QUESTION, ORIGINALLY PRESENTED AT DSC HQ ON JULY 19, INCLUDED A SLIDE PRESENTATION AND A NARRATIVE ON THE MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DSC PLUS SOME DETAIL REGARDING MILITARY SECURITY PROCEDURES, INVESTIGATIONS, CLEARANCES, ETC., AND WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO HOURS OF DISCUSSION. AT THE TIME THE BRIEFING WAS GIVEN, THE SST LEADER, MR WILLIAM FEDOR, ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED COPIES OF THE SLIDES, EXPLAINING THAT HE MIGHT LATER WISH TO USE THEM TO BRIEF THE NDPC.

3. FEDOR RECENTLY CALLED US TO SEEK EMBASSY'S COOPERATION IN ARRANGING FOR A ROK OFFICER TO VISIT THE PENTAGON TO PRESENT THE BRIEFING TO THE NDPC. EMBOFF OFFERED TO OBTAIN THE BRIEFING SCRIPT, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE

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SLIDES, CONSTITUTES THE BRIEFING, THEREBY ALLOWING FEDOR OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION. FEDOR'S POSITION, HOWEVER, IS THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE PRESENTATION BY A KOREAN OFFICER, EITHER FROM ROK EMBASSY OR FROM SEOUL, ALTHOUGH NDPC WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUND TRAVEL. FEDOR SAID MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ROK EMBASSY THERE.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE NDPC, SECURITY SURVEY, ETC. IS DIFFICULT ON AN OPEN PHONE LINE, INASMUCH AS THE TOPIC OF DISCLOSURE LEVELS, WITH WHICH THE NDPC VISIT WAS CONCERNED, IS SECRET/NOFORN (REF A). BEFORE RAISING THIS REQUEST WITH ROKG WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ITS IMPORTANCE. FEDOR CAN BE REACHED AT OFFICE OF DEP ASST SECDEF (ADMIN), RM 3C271, PENTAGON, OX7-4917 OR OX7-3039.
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